

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to comments in the Office Action, a paragraph has been added stating the priority claims for this application. In so doing, it was noted that the serial number of the earliest application was misstated on the Application Data Sheet. The correct Serial number is 08/853,826. A corrected Application Data Sheet is submitted herewith.

Objections to claims have been met by this amendment. Withdrawal of said objections is respectfully requested.

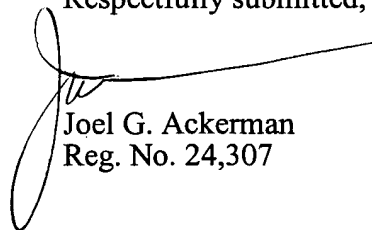
In response to the rejection of claims for obviousness-type double patenting over claims of U.S. patent 6,303,347, Applicants note that they are not necessarily in agreement with the conclusions reached by the Examiner; however, in order to expedite prosecution, the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer over said patent is submitted herewith

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. In view of the extended length of time that has occurred since the payment of the original Issue Fee in this Application, Applicants respectfully request the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date.

If the Examiner believes additional matters remain to be resolved, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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